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Southern Indiana Counties Qualify for Disaster Unemployment Assistance

INDIANAPOLIS (March 13, 2012) – On Friday, March 9, 2012, Governor Daniels' request for federal disaster assistance for counties in Southern Indiana was approved. Hoosiers in Clark, Jefferson, Ripley, Scott, Warrick and Washington counties affected by the recent tornados may now be eligible for special Disaster Unemployment Assistance Benefits (DUA.)

To be eligible for assistance, workers or self-employed individuals – such as farmers – must be unemployed as a result of the tornados. The Federal Disaster Relief Act of 1974 provides assistance to individuals who have lost their employment as a direct result of a major disaster. Federal assistance becomes available to eligible individuals when an area is declared a major disaster by The President.

Disaster Unemployment Assistance is available to unemployed workers if, as a direct result of the tornados, the individual:

- Has first filed for and been denied for regular unemployment insurance benefits.
- No longer has a job.
- Cannot work because of a disaster-related injury.
- Is unable to reach his or her place of work.
- Was to commence work and now does not have a job or is unable to reach the job because of the disaster.
- Has become the primary means of support for the household because the head of household died or is incapacitated as a direct result of the disaster.

The deadline to file for Disaster Unemployment Assistance is April 13, 2012.

Affected Hoosiers must first apply for regular Unemployment Insurance online at www.in.gov/dwd/unemployment. Individuals denied for regular Unemployment Insurance benefits can receive an application and weekly vouchers for DUA at any WorkOne, or online at www.in.gov/dwd/dua.htm. Initial applications for DUA and DUA weekly vouchers can be taken to any WorkOne, faxed to (317) 233-1670 or mailed to:

Indiana Department of Workforce Development
10 North Senate Avenue, RM SE 302
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
Attn: DUA Claims

Additional information can be found on DWD's website, www.in.gov/dwd.

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